ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethel Church, Fort Deposit, Ala.,

October 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1890.

OFFICERS.

F. C. PLASTER, Moderator.....Fort Deposit, Ala.
C. C. LLOYD, C'erk.....Greenville, "
S. A. SATTERWHITE, Treasurer.....Letohatchie, "

The next session will be held with Damascus Church, Butler County, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1891. Introductory sermon by W. C. Avant; Missionary sermon by F. C. Plaster.

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MINUTES.

FORT DEPOSIT, LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA.,
FRIDAY, October 10, 1890.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met with Bethel church at Fort Deposit, Alabama. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. F. C. Plaster. Introductory sermon by Eld. Jefferson Falkner.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. The letters from the churches were read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows, viz:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—M. W. Rushton, J. T. Helms, *Reed Rushton.
Siloam—J. F. Helms, J. H. Killough, J. B. Swanner.
Damascus—S F. Andress, J. F. Barrett, David Phelps.
Union—J. W. Massey, J. C. Routon, J. W. Holloway, Chas. Morgan.
Chapel Hill—T. T. Dobbs, W. H. Lee, J. E. Kelley.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—John A. Stringer, J H. Staggers, Peyton Perdue.
Mountain Hill—James Sanson, *Nathan Peak, *J. M. Stephens.
Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, R. P. Means, D. S. Hurst.
Ellis—F. E. May, James Dunivant
New Ebenezer—Jefferson Cook, Mike Adams, *J. Q. Mustin.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock, Taylor Williams.
Lowndesboro—J. W. Dickson, R. Meadows.
Hopewell—A. A. Barganier, J. R Whittle.
Hayneville—U. G. W. Powell, Jno. P. Streety, J. T. Dixon.
New Bethel—T. S. Hagood, C. E. Bruner, *J. R. Strickland.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Bethel—C. A. Gunn, W. P. Rice, Sr., J. Norwood, W. O. Killough, *J. H. Thigpen, W. M. Hawkins, J. E. Bishop, G. C. Chestnut, G. S. Anderson, R. M. Burt, F. C. Plaster, J. F. Sims, A. F. Goldsmith.
Indian Creek—E. L. Harrison, J. H. Bush, Wm. Dickens, *J. G. Rodgers.
Good Hope—R. E. Peagler, H. P. Watts, J. C. Abbott.
Antioch—J. F. Day, W. P. Bush, R. T. Porterfield.
New Smyrna—D. L. Norman, E. S. Perry.
Gravel Hill—D. A. Craig, J. M. Hawkins, William Jay.

Petition of Gravel Hill church for admission to this Associational body heard and granted.

Organization—F. C. Plaster, Moderator; C. C. Lloyd, Clerk; S. A. Satterwhite, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

Received Correspondence—Eld. Jefferson Falkner, of Montgomery Association; Eld. J. E. Deer, of Conecuh Association, and Eld. C. W. Hare, representing Alabama Baptist.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

Nominations—J. F. Sims, J. G. Thomas.
Documents and State of Religion—J. E. Kolb, S. F. Andress and J. M. Stephens.
Finance—W. P. Rice, Sr., D. S. Hurst, Jno. A. Stringer.
Auditing—E. L. Harrison, T. T. Dobbs, W. O. Killough.
Time and Place of Meeting—J. E. Bishop, A. A. Barganier, J. W. Massey.
Ministerial Education—G. W. McQueen, R. Meadows, W. P. Bullock.
State Missions—J. M. McIver, J. E Deer, F. E May.
Home Missions—J. M. McIver, J. E. Deer, F. E. May.
Foreign Missions—C. C. Lloyd, F. M. Peagler, C. H. Priester.
Religious Literature—D. S. Hurst, J. C. Fonville, J. F. Sims.
Sunday-schools—T. E. Morgan, C. C. Mothershead, Wm. Hawkins.
Temperance—R. M. Burt, S. A. Satterwhite, J. R. Porterfield.
Bible Cause—
Obituaries—S. A. Satterwhite, J. G. Thomas, M. W. Bishop.
Committee on Religious Exercises—The Deacons of Bethel church, with brethren Jno. A. Stringer, S A. Satterwhite, J. F. Helms.

Adopted order of business.

Adjourned till 9, a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Bro. G. W. McQueen.

Called the roll.

Welcomed visiting brethren, Dr. Purser representing Howard College; J. G. Harris, of Board of Ministerial Education; W. D. Fonville, of Tuskegee Association, and J. W. Stewart, of Conecuh Association.

Bro. J. F. Sims read report of Executive Board of the Association.

After remarks by McQueen, Burt, Pipkin, Sims, Bullock, Goldsmith, Kolb, Gunn, Purser, Stewart, and Falkner, the report was adopted.

Report on Religious Exercises read by Bro. Gunn and adopted.

Petition of Panola church for admission to this Associational body heard and granted.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—F. C. Plaster; Alternate, G. S. Anderson.

Resolved, That there be no collection of money for any purpose till the obligations of the Association be liquidated.

Adopted.

Report on Education read by Bro. McIver.

After remarks by Fonville, Purser, Stewart, Falkner, Grant, Deer, Gunn, and Fonville it was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education read by Bro .G. W. McQueen. Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Devotional exercises by Rro. M. W. Rushton.

Report on Ministerial Education taken up and discussed by McQueen, Deer, Gunn, Purser, Harris, Stewart, Burt. Adopted.

Moved to adjourn till 7 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

7 p. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. E. Kolb.

Resolved, That this Association endorse Bro. James Hagood as a beneficiary of this Association and that all money contributed to him be expended through the Ministerial Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Petition of Lowndesboro First Baptist church for dismission from this body heard and granted.

Bro. Burt read report on Temperance. Spoken to by Falkner, Burt, Gunn, Deer, Goldsmith, Morgan, McQueen. Adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Bro. J. W. Stewart preach at 7 p. m. to-night; Bro. G. W. McQueen at 11 a. m. to-morrow; Bro. J. E. Deer same hour at Methodist church, and Bro. Falkner at 7 p. m. to-morrow night.

Adjourned till 11 a. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY.

Bro. Avant being absent, Bro. McQueen preached Missionary sermon.

Bro. Kolb preached at 2 p. m.

Cash collection for missions—$47.61.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. A. F. Goldsmith.

Bro. J. F. Sims read report on Religious Literature. After remarks by Burt, Gunn, Falkner, adopted.

Bro. Kolb read report on Documents and State of Religion. After remarks by Burt, McQueen, Sims and others the report was adopted.

Collection for liquidating obligations of this body—$87.80.

Resolution to appoint a board to determine plan of missionary work within bounds of Alabama Baptist Association read and adopted.

Bro. Goldsmith read report on Missions. After discussion by Falkner, Goldsmith, Deer and others the report was adopted.

Bro. J. M. McIver read report on Home and State Missions, which was adopted.

Petition of Hayneville church for dismission from this body heard and granted.

Report on Foreign Missions by Bro. Lloyd was adopted.

The balanced account of former treasurer was read, adopted, audited and found correct.

The clerk was directed to correct Finance Exhibit.

The Association to meet next year with Damascus church, Butler county.

The clerk to be paid $10.

Collected for "Panola" and "Gravel Hill" churches $42.77.

Collected for Bro. Hagood (cash) $19.25.

Resolution by Bro. Lloyd:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and the same are tendered to the brethren and sisters of Bethel church, together with the citizens of Fort Deposit, for their cordial hospitality.

Adopted.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR:

Missions—C. A. Gunn, J. C. Abbott, C. H. Priester.
Sunday-schools—Charles T. Morgan, Geo. W. Coker, T. T. Dobbs.
Education—M. W. Rushton, J. M. McIver, Dr. R. P. Means.
Temperance—C. C. Lloyd, J. G. Thomas, J. S. Helms.
Ministerial Education—R. M. Burt, John A. Stringer, J. E. Kolb.
Religious Literature—J. C. Fonville, J. F. Sims, W. P. Bullock.
Indigent Ministers—T. E. Morgan, W. P. McQueen, H. P. Watts.

Prayer and benediction by Bro. McQueen. The parting hand was given. Hymn—"When I can read my title clear."

Adjourned to meet next year with Damascus.

F. C. PLASTER, MODERATOR.

C. C. LLOYD, Clerk.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to report that soon after the adjournment of the Association last year we held a meeting and entered into a contract with Bro. G. W. McQueen to do the work of an Evangelist in our bounds, for which the Board agreed to pay him the sum of $500. He entered upon the work the beginning of the second quarter and has labored faithfully for nine months. He reports that he has preached 139 sermons, no account kept of the prayer-meetings and family worship, 160 family visits, 47 visits to churches, 19 services at destitute places, preached 13 times at private houses, constituted one church at Panola; baptized, 1; days of service, 158; miles travelled, 1905; received for services rende ed, $36.25. Also, he has supplied a few churches with hymn books, and undertook to carry some Bibles and Testaments, but the Bible and Book Depository at Opelika charged him too much for them; therefore, he abandoned that part of the work.

Our Evangelist also reported that there is a field on the eastern boundary of our Association that is almost wholly destitute of the gospel—with no gospel minister living within its bounds, with a few churches that have gone down, with but little or no preaching.

We, the Executive Board, recommend the discontinuance of evangelistic work in the bounds of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Sims, Ch'n.

(Before leaving the Association the Evangelist was paid in full.—Clerk.)

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this Association instruct their Executive Board to employ a man to move into, if possible, and do missionary work in the destitute portion on the north-eastern border of this Association; or two or more men for the months of July and August, at the discretion of the board.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report that among Baptists the desire ought to be, What sort of education does the Lord God require? In the first place, he must be called of God and to have his Son revealed in him—Gal. 1:15, 16; and to believe with the heart unto righteousness. Heart education is the education the Lord demands; in proof of which we offer the following scriptures: "And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom." Ex. 28:3. "And in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom that they may make all that I have commanded thee." Ex. 31:3. "And every wise-hearted among you shall come and make all the Lord hath commanded." Ex. 35:10. "And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands." Ex. 35:25. "Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart to work all manner of work." Ex. 35:35.

All of these that worked about the Tabernacle were to be wise-hearted. Not once is it said that they are to be wise-headed. If it was necessary that the laborers about the Tabernacle, which was a pattern of heavenly things and was to be done away, should be wise-hearted, how much more should the builders of God's spiritual temple and Heavenly Jerusalem, which is to continue forever, be wise-hearted!

"The Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

When Solomon was made King the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and God said: "Ask what I shall give thee," and he said, "Give, therefore, thy

servant an understanding heart." Behold, I have done according to thy word! lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither shall any arise like unto thee. 1 Kings 3:5, 9:12. God is a spirit, and the minister's education must be a spiritual education.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. "The words that I speak to you are spirit, are life." John 6:63.

God's book is a spiritual book. The New Testament is a spiritual book. Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

"God giveth the Holy Spirit to them that obey him." Acts 5:32. The minister's teacher, guide and revealer is the Comforter or Holy Spirit.

"And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever, the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:16, 17.

"But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you." John 14:26. "Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear shall he speak, and he shall show you things to come."

"He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it to you." John 16:13, 14.

"God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit, for the spirit searcheth all things; yea, the deep things of God." 1 Cor. 2:10 to 14.

This same spirit moved the Prophets to speak in old times, and inspired them and the Apostles to write the Scriptures.

"All Scripture was given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good work." 2 Tim. 3:16:17.

We learn from this that the Scriptures is the book that the Holy Spirit uses to teach or educate the man of God; in which he can never graduate in this life, or become a Doctor of Divinity, but may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to every good work.

Every man called of God and put into the ministry by him, and having the Scriptures with the ability to read them and the Holy Spirit to guide and teach him, may obtain this heart education and be able to stand the test in the great day of accounts.

The Apostle speaking of himself as a minister, and therefore of others, says: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." "And now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

This heart education, the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit given to us. Love is the only thing that will stand the test. If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be accursed when the Lord shall come. 1 Cor. 16:22.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. McQueen, Ch'n.

REPORT OF PROF. J. M. McIVER—(Bethel Academy.)

Alabama Baptist Association, to J. M. McIver,

1890. Dr.

June 1.	To tuition Bro. Sims in Bethel Academy.....	$43 90
	To expenses Bro. Sims at Ministerial Institute, "Howard College,".....	27 00
		$70 90

1889.	Cr.	
Nov. 11 and Jan. 16, 1890.	By cash on tuition Bro. S.	$12 50
	By other vouchers on same	31 40
	By cash to Bro. Sims for cost at East Lake Institute	27 00—$70 90

We recommend that at least $100 be raised in the Association to further aid Bro. Sims in securing an education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McIver.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Glancing over the work done in these two fields of Christian endeavor during the last year, we find much that is encouraging.

HOME.

We find that the Home Board has been pushing its work in Alabama, Arkansas, Cuba, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Western Arkansas, West Virginia and Virginia among the foreigners, colored people and wherever there is need. The work is increasing and gaining strength with its progress, but making equal pace with this progress is the growing demand for earnest, efficient work in all these important openings. There is imperative need of more people and more money at work in the home field.

STATE.

State Missions comes a little nearer home to us, but that does not make it more important. It is as much our duty to support the work of our Savior in Japan, China, Mexico, Cuba and Africa, as in the Alabama Association. It is as much our duty to hold up the hands of our State Board as it is to support any of these.

New towns are springing into life and being, peopled by a foreign and mixed element that either know nothing of the gospel or else are filled with Roman Catholicism, which is perhaps worse.

We must have work done in all these places. The board of which Bro. W. B. Crumpton is secretary, at Marion, Ala., asks for $15,000 with which to carry on this work. This makes only about 15 cents per capita. Can't we raise this much?

Your committee earnestly recommend that we awake to the importance of the work being done by these two boards.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, of Atlanta, Ga., is Secretary of the Home Board, and W. B. Crumpton, of the Alabama State Board, most earnestly petition your sympathy and co-operation. Let us respond to the full extent of our usefulness by giving our money with our prayers to these great interests, giving God the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McIver, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, ask leave to submit the following: We find upon examination of all the mission documents within our possession, that the cause has made evident progress during the last twelve months.

Whilst this is encouraging, yet there is pressing need of greater effort on our part, both in the way of contributions and prayers. May we move forward in the strength of our God to whom be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Goldsmith, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The reports now coming to us daily from all parts of the State are very encouraging. The schools have all opened with full attendance of pupils this year.

The progress of the centuries has been led on by the Christian education. As the seeds are sown the demand increases. We want more schools and more money, and people in the ones we have.

Education without Christ in it is worse than no education. As a safe-

guard against this danger it is important that we support our denominational schools.

Howard College has had the most gratifying opening of its history. There are now 159 matriculates, and Bro. Purser tells us they are urging him to give them more house-room. Judson Institute, Marion, Ala., stands and has stood for years the compeer of any female college in the South. It is growing continually and this year marks one of the grandest movements forward she has ever made. They have a faculty unexcelled, magnificent grounds, buildings and general outfit. We now have in this grand institution 160 pupils. May God's hand rest tenderly about it on every hand.

Among other good colleges and high schools are the Alabama Central Female College, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Bethel Academy, Fort Deposit, Ala.; we think worthy of your patronage.

We believe it to be the duty of all God's people to stand by these colleges, especially Howard College and Judson Institute. As long as they are as good as, or better than, can be found elsewhere, it is not only our privilege but our duty to put the sons and daughters, with the money and prayers of our country, into these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Pipkin,
J. M. McIver.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Tarrying at Jerusalem, till "endued with power from on high," the Apostles beginning there "went every where preaching the word."

Exercising no preference for the home over the foreign field they carried out the letter as well as the spirit of the great commission. Paul went "far hence to the Gentiles" while Peter wrote his Epistles from Babylon and John from Ephesus

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ, built by his direction, and in reference to which he says: "Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," have pre-eminently for their object the preaching of the gospel and the evangelization of the world.

In compliance with the apostolic example and in accord with the commission given them, we have, in modern times, men who have given their lives and their all to the preaching of the gospel in foreign lands.

Our Foreign Mission Board has missions established in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, and this work, constantly enlarging, demands more laborers and more money.

This call is from the Lord. We can't afford to neglect it. This call necessitates increased liberality by the churches as well as a fuller personal consecration by our people generally.

God grant to hasten the day when "the kingdoms of this earth shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior;" when he shall be given "the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession;" yea, when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess him Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Lloyd, Ch'n.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We cannot place too much stress on the importance of reading religious literature ourselves and supplying the same to our children. 1. Because the mind of the present generation is being flooded with dark and dangerous currents from an ungodly press. The popular and public page of to-day is crowded with records of crime that leave a slime of its stain and pollution wherever it goes. 2. Error in the garb of religion and in the name of Christ, confusing and dangerous, is crowding the mails and seeking admission into every church and household in the land. 3. The earth is fraught with the inspiration of progress. Society is moving at a rapid pace, but not too fast to be stained by the corrupt literature of the age. The agencies that foster the institutions which furnish a basis for our civilization and out of which American life is

being crystalized, whether godly or ungodly in their bearing, are being augmented in number and intensified in force. The baser craving of the public mind for the dangerous literature of the day must be forestalled. Error must be met by us on the threshold of church and home and heart. We must support and encourage our own agencies that supply food for strength, equipments for service, munitions of war for the struggle, and arms dynamic and keen edged for the battle.

At our own peril we fail in the opportunities afforded us. We cannot too strongly recommend the Bible as a foundation for thought and practice. In addition, we encourage the patronage of the "Alabama Baptist;" also the "Foreign Mission Journal." We further encourage our churches to use the "Baptist Hymnal" to the exclusion of other hymn books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Sims, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means moderation and opposition to extremes. Temperance in every particular is commendable

But as relates to intoxicants Christians should not, in any sense, tolerate even the moderate use of this all destroying evil. The church of Christ being admonished to abstain from every appearance of evil can not afford to give any countenance to an evil of such immense magnitude. Paul instructing the young preacher as to the prerequisites to becoming a minister of the gospel even said he must not be given to wine.

We would, therefore, recommend that the ministry and churches of this Association touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Burt, Ch'n.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING.

A. F. Goldsmith	$100 00
E. F. Goldsmith	100 00
T. S. Hagood	15 00
Bro. Stephin Bishop (cash)	1 00
Mrs. H. M. Caffee	15 00
Miss Lula Hurst	1 00
Miss Ella Rice	3 00
Miss Minnie Means	5 00
Miss Mollie Satterwhite	1 00
J. F. Dunivant	15 00
Mrs. J. T. Dixon	2 00

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, present the following:

To preach the introductory sermon next year, Eld. W. C. Avant; Eld. J. J. Pipkin, alternate. Eld. F. C. Plaster to preach missionary sermon; Eld. G. S. Anderson, alternate.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of Alabama—G. S. Anderson, R. M. Burt, G. W. McQueen, C. A. Gunn, J. J. Pipkin, A. F. Goldsmith, Jno. A. Stringer, J. E. Kolb, J. C. Fonville and T. E. Morgan. In the absence of these, or any of them, any brother from this Association who may choose to attend.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee, find from examining the church letters that some of the churches have been greatly revived, but have not received many additions.

We find ten live, progressive Sunday-schools. We find the state of religion good and evidently tending forward and upward. We further find that two new churches have been constituted within our bounds, and the same admitted to this body, viz: Panola, Crenshaw county, and Gravel Hill, Butler county.

We earnestly recommend that the Association work up the destitution in her bounds. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. KOLB, Ch'n.

N. B.—We further find that Bro. J. F. Sims has been ordained to the full work of the ministry, and Bro. James Hagood licensed to preach the gospel.—J. E. K.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. LLOYD, Treasurer,
In account with the Alabama Baptist Association.

1889.		DR.	
Oct. 11.	To cash received of Finance Committee		$265 15
" 12.	To cash Sunday collection		43 47
" 14.	To cash collection for missions		20 05
" 14.	To cash from Hopewell church		26 00
" 15.	To cash from Bro. Joe Norwood on Bethel pledge		8 55
" 15.	To cash from Bro. Tom Norris		15 00
	Total cash		$378 22
	Total amount of vouchers		221 75
	Grand Total		$599 97

1889.		CR.	
Oct. 15.	By cash paid R. M. Burt, Evangelist, (vouchers 1 and 2)	$249 10	
" 15.	By cash paid J. C. Fonville, Clerk, (voucher 3)	29 80	
" 15.	By cash paid F. C. Plaster for Home, State and Foreign Missions, and Ministerial Education (voucher 4)	80 65	
" 15.	By cash paid Treasurer (voucher 5)	2 50	
" 15.	By cash due on Bethel pledge	26 45	
" 15.	By total amount of vouchers	221 75	
" 15.	Balance due the Treasury	10 28	$610 25

GREENVILLE, ALA., Oct. 10, 1890.

Audited and found correct. E. L. HARRISON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. J. SATTERWHITE, Treasurer,
In account with the Alabama Baptist Association.

1890.		DR.	
Oct. 13.	To amouut received of Finance Committee		$226 20
	To amount Sunday collection		47 61
	To amount collected for Associational Missions		87 80
	To amount collected for Missions		45 15
	To amount collected for Ministerial Education (Hagood)		19 25
	To amount received from Panola and Gravel Hill churches		42 77
	Total		$468 78

1890.		CR.	
Oct. 13.	By amount paid G. W. McQueen, Associational Evangelist	$282 00	
	By amount paid to Panola and Gravel Hill churches	42 77	
	By amount paid Clerk for Minute money	35 15	
	By amount paid for Home Missions	24 37	
	By amount paid for State Missions	24 37	
	By amount paid for Foreign Missions	24 37	
	By amount paid for Ministerial Education	19 25	
	By amount paid to Howard College (Sims)	3 50	
	By amount paid to Howard College building	13 00	$468 78

Received of C C. Lloyd $22.50 for publishing Minutes of the Alabama Baptist Association for the year 1890. HARE & POPE.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

G. S. Anderson	Fort Deposit,	Lowndes County
F. C. Plaster	"	"
R. M. Burt	"	"
J. J. Pipkin	"	"
J. F. Sims	"	"
A. F. Goldsmith	Calhoun,	"
George W. McQueen	Hayneville,	"

T. E. Morgan.....Honoraville, Crenshaw County
J. T. Davidson..... " "
W. C. Avant.....Rutledge, "
J. E. Kolb..... " "
C. C. Lloyd.....Greenville, Butler "
W. H. Cheatham..... " "

LICENTIATES.

M. Pruitt.....Fort Deposit, Lowndes County
E. S. Perry..... " "
M. Dickens..... " "
J. G. Thomas.....Honoraville, Crenshaw County
James Hagood.....Howard College.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

J. M. McIver, R. M. Burt,
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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1890.

	CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education, Howard College.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	Howard College (building).	Judson Female Institute (building).	S. S. Expenses.	Women's Society, Home Missions.	Women's Society, Foreign Missions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Va'ue of Building and Furniture	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.	REMARKS.
1st Dis.	Rutledge	$	$	$	$	$ 1 50	$ 13 35	$	$	$	$	$	$ 14 85	$ 35 00	$	$ 500 00	$	F. C. Plaster, Mod.,
	Siloam					2 00	8 00						10 00	35 00		50 00		Fort Deposit, Ala.
	Damascus				3 00	3 00	15 00						21 00	50 00		200 00		
	Union	50	2 00		50	2 60	10 00						15 60	100 00		100 00		C. C. Lloyd, Clerk,
	Chapel Hill					1 50	5 00						6 50	30 00		200 00		Greenville, Ala.
2nd Dis.	Spring Creek					2 00	11 00						13 00			500 00		
	Mountain Hill					1 00	2 50						3 50	30 00		100 00		Session of 1890 held
	Hickory Grove		5 00	5 00		1 50	27 50						39 00	85 00		500 00		with Bethel ch.,
	Ellis	50	50	50		1 00	10 70						13 20	25 00		2 0 00		Lowndes county,
	New Ebenezer					1 50	1 75						3 25	30 00		200 00		on 10th Oct., 1890.
3rd Dis.	Steep Creek	1 00	5 00	13 90		2 60	60 00			2 80			82 50			1000 00		
	Lowndesboro		4 33	4 33		1 50	4 34			9 72	71 01		14 50	250 00		1700 00		
	Hopewell					1 50	3 10						4 60			500 00		
	Hayneville					50	3 00					11 60	3 00	200 00				
	New Bethel	1 30	1 30			50	5 00						8 10	75 00		200 00		
	Bethel	16 44	17 46	41 10		4 05	43 90	13 00	3 10				139 05	500 00	250 00	3500 00	2500 00	
4th Dis.	Indian Creek		2 00			2 50	6 00						10 50			200 00		
	Good Hope					50	8 50						9 00	30 00		100 00		
	New Smyrna					50							50	25 00		50 00		
	Antioch	2 25				1 50	5 00						8 75	30 00		50 00		
	Gravel Hill					1 50	2 00						3 50					
	Panola					90							90					
	Col. during session						29 00											
	Total	$21 99	$37 59	$64 83	$ 3 50	$35 65	$ 274 64	$13 00	$ 3 10	$12 52	$71 01	$11 60	$ 454 30	$1500 00	$ 250 00	$9350 00	$2500 00	

A correct account of all vouchers as well as cash passing through the churches from one Association to another should be kept, and reported fully in the letters, so that they could be summed up in this report, thus giving the denomination a reliable record of the work being done in the Association. This report does not furnish accurate information, for the reason that the letters of the churches have been incomplete, leaving out nearly all the vouchers. Collections at Association, additional for various purposes, $2f2.58. Total for all purposes, $13,296.88.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. RICE, SR., Chairman.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	In. by			Dec'e by				Present Membership.	S. S. Offi. & Teach.	S. S. Pupils.	Prch'ng Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.						
FIRST DISTRICT.																				
Rutledge	Crenshaw.	W. C. Avant	William Swanner.	Rutledge	....	.....	32	1	10	...	..	..	..	..	43	6	78	1	.....	...
Siloam	Crenshaw...	T. E. Morgan	E. Kolb	Rutledge	1	.....	68	2	2	2	4	1	..	..	69	..	45	2	.....	...
Damascus	Butler	T. E. Morgan	S. F. Andress	Greenville	....	....	84	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	85	2	27	3	.....	...
Union	Crenshaw...	W. C. Avant	J. W. Holloway	Honoraville.	3	1	72	9	2	..	..	1	..	1	81	...	....	4	regular	1
Chapel Hill	Crenshaw...	W. C. Avant	W. H. Rodgers	Cook's Stand	...	...	43	3	1	...	..	2	..	..	45	6	30	1	regular	1
SECOND DISTRICT.																				
Spring Creek	Crenshaw..	W. H. Cheatham	J. M. Arrington	Daisy	....	....	56	2	3	..	2	1	...	1	57	2	24	2	.....	1
Mountain Hill	Crenshaw....	C. C. Loyd	R. T. Poole.	Mt. Carmel	....	....	25	1	..	1	3	3	..	..	21	...	....	3	.....	1
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	R. M. Burt	D. S. Hurst	Davenport	.....	....	23	10	6	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	..	3	.....	1
Ellis	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin	F. E. May	Sandy Ridge	....	....	24	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	.....	4	.....	1
New Ebenezer	Crenshaw...	C. C. Lloyd	Jeff Cook	Rocky Mount.	....	....	28	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	33	...	.....	2	.....	..
Panola	Crenshaw	J. J. Pipkin	G. R. Vickery	Coleman	.....	....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	...	...	3	.....	..
THIRD DISTRICT.																				
Steep Creek	Lowndes	S. J. Catts	J. M. Dickinson	Morgansville.	1	....	54	11	3	1	5	..	..	..	64	4	20	4	.....	1
Lowndesboro.	Lowndes	G. S. Anderson	Frank Gordon	Lowndesboro.	....	....	14	4	6	.	..	..	..	..	24	5	41	1	regular	..
Hopewell	Lowndes	J. E. De r	J. M. Lee	Mt. Willing.	....	....	98	...	..	...	3	..	..	..	95	...	.....	3	.....	...
Hayneville.	Lowndes	G. S. Anderson	J. F. Varner	Hayneville	...	.....	21	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	28	...	....	3	.....	..
New Bethel.	Lowndes	J. F. Bruner	J. R. Strickland	Braggs	....	1	45	..	1	..	2	..	...	1	43	..	...	3	regular	..
FOURTH DISTRICT.																				
Bethel	Lowndes	G. S. Anderson	J. M. McIver	Fort Deposit	5	....	230	23	4	..	15	..	..	2	242	6	67	2-4	regular	1
Indian Creek	Butler	R. M. Burt	J. G. Rodgers	Greenville	1	1	78	12	6	1	...	4	3	1	89	...	....	4	.....	1
Good Hope	Butler	R. M Burt	J. C. Abbott	Greenville	....	....	36	..	...	...	..	..	1	...	35	...	....	2	.....	..
New Smyrna	Lowndes	J. F. Sims	D. L. Norman	Fort Deposit	...	....	47	.	..	..	16	3	...	..	28	...	.....	1	.....	..
Antioch	Butler	J. J. Pipkin	G. P. Hawkins	Greenville	1	.....	50	6	10	1	..	2	..	..	65	...	.....	1	.....	..
Gravel Hill	Butler	T. E. Morgan	J. F. Freeman	Greenville	....	.....	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	10	...	....	4	.....	...
					12	3	1128	90	61	7	57	18	4	6	1223	31	382			

S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.—Rutledge church—M. W. Rushton, Rutledge postoffice. Damascus church—Joe Kierce, Greenville. Union church—C. H. Morgan, Honoraville. Chapel Hill church—T. T. Dobbs, Rutledge—Spring Creek church—J. M. Arrington, Daisy. Steep Creek church—W. P. McQueen, Sandy Ridge. Lowndesboro church—P. N. Cilley, Lowndesboro. Bethel church—C. A. Guan, Fort Deposit.

Names of churches organized during the year—Panola, Gravel Hill. Names of churches received—Panola, Gravel Hill. Names of churches dismissed to other Associations—Lowndesboro, Hayneville.

REMARKS.—Gravel Hill church was organized within the bounds of the Association last year and admitted this session.—CLERK.

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals principles by which God will judge us [e]; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 Tim. 3-16-17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter 1-21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John 20 31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm 33-4. (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom. 2-10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. (f) Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10.

ART. 2. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a], whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth [c], inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d], revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption [f].

(a) God in one—Gal. 3.20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth—Psalm 83-18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. 1-16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. 15-11. (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 John 5-7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. 2 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. 2-6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—Jonn 3-17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. 4-25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—Heb. 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6-63.

ART. 3. OF THE FALL OF MAN.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker [a,] but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b], being by nature utterly void of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c], and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse [d].

(a) So God created man in his own image—Gen. 1-27. God made man upright—Ec. 7-29. (b) In Adam all die—1 Cor. 15-22. There is not righteous, no, not one—Rom. 3-10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—John 8-44 (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3-18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. 1-8. (d) And he was speechless—Mat. 22-12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—Rom. 1-20.

ART. 4 OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b], who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his per-

sonal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour [f].

(a) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Eph. 2-8. (b) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 2-5. (c) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb. 2-14. And in him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable—Isa. 42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—Rom. 5-10. (e) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—Heb. 2-9. (f) For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb. 4-15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead—Col. 2-9.

Art. 5. Of Justification.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification [a]; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity [d].

(a) Therefore being justiged by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. 5-1. (b) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts 10.30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—John 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—Rom. 3-25. (c) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus 3 5. (d) He that spared not his own Son. but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things—Rom. 8-32.

Art. 6. Of the Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a]; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b], and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation [d].

(a) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—Isa. 45-22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—Rev. 22-17. (b) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts 17-30. (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John 5-40. (d) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee—Mat. 11-24.

Art. 7. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension for calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel [b]; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God [c].

(a) Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3:3. (b) And be renewed in the spirit of our mind. And that ye put on the new man, which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness—Eph. 4:23-24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit—John 3:3. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John 4:7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—John 14:23. (c) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. 2:10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 John 5:18.

ART. 8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners [a]; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end [b]; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy [c]; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree [d]: that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel [e]; is the foundation of Christian assurance [f]; and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence [g].

(a) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth—2 Thes. 2:13. (b) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim 2:10. (c) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. 1:4. (d) And they that are with him are called, and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17:14. (e) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—Rom. 8:33-34. (f) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure.—2 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end [a]; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors [b] that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation [c].

(a) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John 3:9-10. (b) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John 2:19. (c) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10:13 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1:5.

ART. 10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government [a], that it is holy, just and good [b]; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church [c].

(a) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. 5:18. (b) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—Rom. 6:12. (c) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit—Rom. 8:4 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid, yea, we establish the law—Rom. 3:31.

ART. 11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ [a]; governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word [b]; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus [c].

(a) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—Rom 1:7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death—Rom. 6:4. Paul, an apostle unto the churches of Galatia —Gal. 1:1-2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ —Gal. 3:26-27. (b) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. 13:4-5. (c) A bishop then must be blameless—1 Tim. 3:1-7. Likewise must the deacons be grave—1 Tim. 3:8 9-10; see also Titus 1:7-8 9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in

word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 Tim 5:17-18-19.

ART. 12 OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER —That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit [a]; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, [c]; in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination [d].

(a) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said: If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8:36-37-38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat 28:19. (b) Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead—Col. 2:12 (c) Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God—John 3:5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples—Mat. 26.26 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread—Acts 20:7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. 11:26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

ART 13. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH —That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God [d].

(a) I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10. (b) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex. 20:8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (c) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread. Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—Acts 20:7. (d) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. 4:9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

ART. 14. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b]; conscientiously honored and obeyed [c]; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and prince of the kings of the earth [e].

(a) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom 13:1 For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. (b) I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. 1:1-2 (c) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Rom. 13:5 (d) We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts 5:29. (e) Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings, the Lord of lords—1 Tim. 6:15.

ART 15 OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED —That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d]

(a) He that is not with me is against me—Luke 11:23 Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom. 8:9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth

not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 John 3:10. (b) To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—Rom. 3:26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God—1 Cor. 6:11. (c) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—Luke 13:3. He that believeth not is condemned already—John 3:18. (d) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—Rev. 22:11

Art. 16. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solemn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [d]: and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

(a) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober and watch unto prayer—1 Peter 4:7. (b) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes. 4:16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation—John 5:28–29. (c) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Mat. 25:32. (d) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—Mat. 25:32. (e) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. 20:13–14 Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18:25.

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